

consular relations between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

4. Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan on cooperation in the spheres of Culture, Arts, Education, Science, Mass-media and Sports.

5. Agreement between the Republic of India and the Republic of Kazakhstan on cooperation in the fields of Trade, Economic relations and Science and Technology.

These agreements provide the framework for the growth of multifaceted and mutually beneficial cooperation between India and Kazakhstan.

[English]

Effective use of Fertilizer

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are constraints for increased consumption of fertilizer;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the strategies proposed for effective use of fertilizer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RANCHANDRAN): (a) There are no serious constraints for increasing the consumption of fertilizers. However, conscious efforts are being made to increase the use of fertilizer in low consumption areas.

(b) and (c). The following steps have been taken to improve and increase the use of efficiency of fertilizer:

- (i) The Government of India implemented a scheme during 7th Plan for opening of retail outlets in the remote and inaccessible areas.
- (ii) Fertilizer use in small packs is being popularised to aid transportation to remote areas and encourage use of fertilizers among small farmers.
- (iii) The States have been advised to exempt the dealers upto a limit of 10 tonnes of fertilizers, from the requirement of obtaining dealership registration certificate for enhancing easy availability of fertilizers.
- (iv) The use of micronutrients is being popularized for improving the fertilizers use efficiency in intensively cultivated areas.
- (v) Demonstration of benefits of fertilizer use and balanced/efficient application of fertilizer is being organised by State Agriculture Extension agencies.
- (vi) Soil testing facilities are being strengthened to assist farmers with appropriate advise on proper use of fertilizers.

[Translation]

Increase In Quota of Kerosene

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